

# Conservation Area Master Plan SPUR CROSS RANCH

Newsletter 4

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## Public Open House

In June a newsletter was mailed updating the public about current planning activities associated with the Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area (SCRCA) Master Plan. That newsletter identified a selected preferred alternative (including a draft trails plan) for the long-term management of SCRCA. Additionally, that newsletter informed the public about specific site design features that are being considered at SCRCA.

The next public meeting will be an open house and will be held at:

***Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church  
Maitland Hall***

***6502 E. Cave Creek Road  
Cave Creek, Arizona 85331***

***October 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 PM***

Your attendance at this open house is important to the planning process that has been ongoing since February 2002. The planning team continues to seek your guidance and input related to the long-term management of SCRCA. At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to review and comment on:

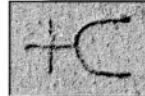
- ❖ ***The selected Preferred Alternative for the 2,154-acre site***
- ❖ ***The draft Preliminary Trails System plan***
- ❖ ***Phase I Trails plan***
- ❖ ***Proposed site plans for the main site entry area***
- ❖ ***Facility architectural concepts for the educational center***

## The Recent Joint Planning Committee Meeting

The Joint Planning Committee met in August and October to discuss the planning process. One major consideration discussed was avoiding limiting the use numbers on SCRCA. Early on in the master planning effort and consistent with guidelines of the Limits of Acceptable Change process, discussions related to limiting use on SCRCA took place. The planning team overwhelmingly heard that this approach was not required nor favored by the public and stakeholders. As a result, the master plan will not contain or recommend use limits on SCRCA. Rather, it will be through education and stewardship programs coupled with scheduled monitoring activities that will ensure that irreversible environmental degradation does not occur on SCRCA now or in the future. An opportunity for signing up for a teaming opportunity will be available at the next open house.

## Facility Architectural Concepts & Site Plan

As a component of the SCRCA Master Plan, the planning team is preparing architectural concepts and proposed site plans for the site facilities. In keeping with the setting of Spur Cross Ranch as a conservation area, the architectural style and setting of the facilities



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## Contact Information

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***www.maricopa.gov/parks/spur\_cross***



will be compatible with the Sonoran Desert setting of the site. Use of materials to blend the architecture of the proposed facilities with the site are of a prime consideration. Proposed facilities, which are envisioned to be built over the next several years, could include:

- ◆ Educational Center
- ◆ Parking (Car and Truck/Horse Trailer)
- ◆ Outdoor Classroom Area
- ◆ Signage Kiosks
- ◆ Trailhead and Equestrian Staging Area
- ◆ SCRCA Maintenance Area

## Trails Planning

Figure 1 contains a draft Preliminary Trails System plan for SCRCA. Based on new data gathered since June, the attached map has been refined to reflect more accurately the proposed trail network. Please review the map and come to the open house and share with the planning team any ideas or suggestions you might have.

